AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a method for the real time maintenance of database content, in particular files (data sets), of a relational database, specifically DB2. Continuous availability with simultaneous continuous maintenance of a relational database is made available by a method in which the status of the database content is determined using a status monitor integrated in the database, in which status data of the determined status is output in real time using ~~said~~ the database-integrated status monitor, in which ~~said~~ the output status data is analyzed and compared to comparison data and in which maintenance functions are mostly activated directly following a positive compare result.